

## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

## § 998.18

### § 998.10 Production areas.

*Production areas* mean (a) The Southeastern Area consisting of the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and that part of South Carolina south and west of the Santee-Congaree-Broad Rivers.

(b) The Southwestern Area consisting of the States of Arizona, Arkansas, California, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

(c) The Virginia-Carolina Area consisting of the States of Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and that part of South Carolina north and east of the Santee-Congaree-Broad Rivers.

### § 998.11 Area association.

*Area association* means for the Southeastern area, GFA Peanut Association, Camilla, Georgia; Southwestern area, Southwestern Peanut Growers Association, Gorman, Texas; and Virginia-Carolina area, Peanut Growers Cooperative Marketing Association, Franklin, Virginia.

#### PEANUT ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

### § 998.15 Establishment and membership.

A Peanut Administrative Committee (hereinafter referred to as committee) is hereby established to administer the terms and provisions of this agreement. Such committee shall consist of 18 members of whom 9 shall represent producers and 9 shall represent handlers. The producer representation shall be 3 for the Southeastern area, 3 for the Southwestern area, and 3 for the Virginia-Carolina area of which one of the 3 in each production area shall represent the respective area associa-

tion. The handler representation shall also be 3 for each of the designated areas. For each member there shall be an alternate member.

### § 998.16 Eligibility.

Each producer member of the committee and alternate member, shall be, at the time of his selection and during his term of office, a producer, or an officer or employee of an area association, in the area for which selected and shall cease to be a member or alternate upon engaging in the handling of peanuts either in a proprietary capacity or as a director, officer, or employee of other than a cooperative association. Each handler member of the committee, and his alternate, shall be, at the time of his selection, a handler or an officer or employee of a handler in the area for which selected and shall throughout his term of office so continue to be a handler.

### § 998.17 Term of office.

Members and alternate members of the committee shall serve for terms of 3 years ending on April 30 but initial members and alternates shall be selected for terms of 1, 2, or 3 years so that one-third of the producer and handler representatives in each area may be replaced each year. Each member and alternate member shall continue to serve until his successor is selected and has qualified.

### § 998.18 Initial committee.

The initial members of the committee and their respective alternates shall be as follows:

Southeastern area:

Producers	Member	Alternate member	Term of office years
Area Assn .....	D.H. Harden .....	W.G. Miller .....	3
At Large .....	James E. Mobley .....	T. Lewis Knox .....	2
At Large .....	Emmett Reynolds .....	Billy Newberry .....	1
Handlers	Member	Alternate member	
	Don W. Sands .....	Tom Chandler .....	3
	James Anderson .....	J.B. Roberts .....	2
	R.C. Singletary, Jr. ....	Robert Pender .....	1

Southwestern area:

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Producers	Member	Alternate member	
Area Assn .....	Ross Wilson .....	B.D. Green .....	3
At Large .....	D.B. Warren .....	E.A. Walker .....	2
At Large .....	Barton Scott .....	Jesse Leach .....	1
Handlers	Member	Alternate member	
	John Haskins .....	Pat Cagle .....	3
	Melvin Shell .....	Ellis L. Ganey .....	2
	John Burroughs .....	R.L. Borden .....	1

**Virginia-Carolina area:**

Producers	Member	Alternate member	
Area Assn .....	S. Womack Lee .....	J.F. Turner, Sr .....	3
At Large .....	Joe S. Sugg .....	Minton Beach, Jr .....	2
At Large .....	Wm. V. Rawlings .....	G.B. Ligon .....	1
Handlers	Member	Alternate member	
	H.R. Birdsong .....	W.J. Spain, Jr. ....	3
	T.J. White .....	W.P. Woodley .....	2
	B.E. Parker .....	William D. Shaw .....	1

**§ 998.19 Nomination.**

Producers and handlers may nominate their successor representatives to those named in § 998.18 at meetings held in each area except that each area association representative shall be nominated by the association. The committee shall hold and shall give reasonable publicity to nomination meetings and may use the respective area associations to convene meetings of the producers. Only persons eligible to serve shall be eligible to vote. Each producer and each handler shall have but one vote, but a handler may vote in each production area in which he is a handler and if engaged in peanut production, may vote in his capacity as a producer. The person receiving the largest number of the votes cast for a position shall be the nominee. All nominations shall be certified by the committee to the Secretary no later than April 5 preceding the commencement of the term of office.

**§ 998.20 Selection.**

The Secretary shall select successor producer and handler members and alternate members of the committee in the numbers and with the qualifications specified in this agreement. Such selections may be made from the nominations certified by the committee or from other eligible producers and handlers.

**§ 998.21 Failure to nominate.**

In the event a nominee for any member or alternate member position is not certified pursuant to and within the time specified, the Secretary may select an eligible person to fill such position without regard to nomination.

**§ 998.22 Qualify by acceptance.**

Each person selected by the Secretary as a member or as an alternate member shall, prior to serving, qualify by filing with the Secretary a written acceptance as soon as practicable after being notified of such selection.

**§ 998.23 Alternate members.**

An alternate for a member shall act in the place and stead of such member:

- (a) During his absence, or
- (b) In the event of his removal, resignation, disqualification, or death, until a successor for such member's unexpired term has been selected and has qualified.

**§ 998.24 Vacancies.**

Any vacancy occasioned by the removal, resignation, disqualification, or death of any member or alternate, or any need to select a successor through failure of any person selected as a member or alternate member to qualify, and which is not recognized by the committee certifying to the Secretary